



May the
Spirit of Christmas
abide with you

Thank you for your cooperation and help during 1974. May the message of God's incarnate love bring new courage in the struggle for justice and peace.

We are grateful to be your co-workers in the Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Frances Heim • Bill Nief

Jody Wolfe • Ruth Bailey

R. H. Huenemann

RANDOM QUESTIONS

Preparation for Christmas -- what does it involve? How does one prepare to receive a gift? Or is our response totally one of gratitude for the gift and giver with no advance preparation? Then why Advent?

Joy, or fun? Joviality, or peace? What is the mood of Christmas? How are pleasure and amusement related? How do they differ?

What thoughts are stirred by the miracle of Christ's birth? A real breakthrough to a new humanity or a biological oddity? What is happening to the concept of the "Holy Family" -- or the whole family? Are we missing something here?

Were the shepherds hungry? How can we be aware of the intentions of today's Herods? Is the Christmas spirit a state of euphoria or an alert to realism in our relation to the contemporary world? What kind of good news will bring peace on earth today?

What is Christmas really -- a folk festival, a children's holiday, a Christian celebration? If all three, then how does one sort out all the meanings? Or should one not think about the holiday and just enjoy it?

And miss the message? and the gift?

R. H. Huenemann



In October, the 308th Transportation Company, U. S. Army Reserves, completed their work at Camp Adams. They have contributed valuable service to the Camp and, therefore, to the large number of people the Camp serves. Two sections of road were relocated, a new service road was built, two parking areas were graded and rocked, an area was cleared for a drain field, several large stumps were removed and many yards of rock were hauled.

Twenty-three men and fourteen pieces of heavy equipment were involved in the work. Edward M. Radcliff, 1st Lieut. is the Company Commander, and work in the field was directed by Master Sgt. Francis C. Buckmiller. The following men worked on the project at various levels of supervision, unit support and equipment operation: Warrant Officer William R. True, Sergeants Ronald L. Anderson, Jack F. Peters, Hugh C. Brock, James W. Stickles, Jon S. Woodward, Arnold W. Anderson, John R. Karambelas, Thomas H. Levy; Specialists Dwight R. Hosford, Gary Mohr, Robert W. Starr, Larry J. Cereghino, Arthur G. Baden, John L. Bunker, David G. Ebright, Philip L. Johnson, David S. McShane, Dan Suit, Merlin W. Hodgson and Private First Class William J. Leonetti.

The Central Pacific Conference is grateful for the help it has received from the U. S. Army Reserve, the 308th Transportation Company and the men who contributed so much to these efforts. The young people and families who utilize Camp Adams will benefit from this work.

TWO YOUTH MIDWINTERS!

Two Midwinters instead of one was the decision of the Youth Council after serious consideration of questions like: "How can we include everyone? Arrange small discussion groups? Provide opportunity to make friends? Have enough room at Camp Adams? Include both Idaho and Oregon?"

The division will be by ages:

Feb. 7-8-9 Senior High (Juniors & Seniors)

Mar. 7-8-9 Mid High (Freshmen & Sophomores)

Committees of youth and adults are at work on each weekend. Detailed information on themes, leadership, prices and times will come later. For now -- High School Youth and Adult Advisors, Please Save the Dates!

Thanksgiving AT CAMP ADAMS

This yearly event at Camp Adams is an occasion for celebration and reflection. The 1974 program included a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, music and some reliving of significant moments from American history.

Participants had an opportunity to experience: the size of the Mayflower, a reading of the Mayflower Compact, Bradford's Proclamation, the Salem Covenant, Washington's Proclamation, the first Thanksgiving Day proclamation in the Oregon Territory (1852), group singing and a unique guided Autumn walk in the woods. Packets including several historical Thanksgiving documents were provided for those who took part in this festive event.

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Paul Kreuzenstein

Born - July 10, 1887 at Temple, Texas

Died - September 9, 1974 at Challis, Idaho

Fifty-four years of active ministry in the Midwest and West Coast.

Christian Sympathy to his surviving wife, two sons and six grandchildren.

A YEAR WELL SPENT

Miss Cindy Mejdell, Corvallis, donated a year as a worker at Brooklawn Children's Home, Louisville, Kentucky, a UCC related home for disadvantaged youth. She reports on the financial needs increased by inflation, and her own impressions.

"Because of their abused pasts, these children need extra support for their development to follow a positive and forward growth process. The support must come from society, and as we call ourselves Christians, we must accept the responsibility that all humans are neighbors, so therefore deserve and should receive our love, given through fulfilling their many needs."

DOES YOUR CHECK SPEAK FOR CHRIST?

GIVING STANDARDS

General Synod suggestions:

For individuals:

Set aside ten percent of your annual income after taxes for giving for all purposes. Give for the work of the Church at least 10 percent of your \$1,000 of annual income before taxes.

For congregations:

Affirm the long-range goal of giving \$1 for work outside the congregation for every \$1 spent on local current expenses. Give at least \$12 per member per year for basic support of Our Christian World Mission.

THE FAMILY THANK OFFERING

This is the season for us to gather in our 1974 Family Thank Offering boxes. We hope that some place you have found some time for a Dedication Service during this Thanksgiving Season.

Looking forward to 1975, our offering will try to meet some of the problems facing the small church, empowering women for church renewal and community service, and theology in context: Reconciling churches in dialogue and outreach.

If you need some help, or want more information, contact the new Family Thank Offering Chairperson, Mrs. Ralph Ennis, 14141 N.E. San Rafael Street, Portland, Oregon 97230.

Send all monies to the Conference Office earmarked "Family Thank Offering".

TINA HALL, State President, Women's Fellowship

REDEEM THE TIME!



The Christmas Fund theme for 1974 is based on St. Paul's advice to "redeem the time." Ministers now retired see time in a new light. Some of these senior servants of the Church have special needs brought on by age or poor health or loss of a husband or wife.

The Christmas Fund sends checks and Christmas greetings in the name of the Church to carry our affection and concern.

The Christmas Fund administered by the Pension Boards also helps throughout the year some who actively serve. Ministers and their families hurt by illness, accident, or other tragedy beyond their own resources, are given practical help from the Emergency Fund. Six retired Oregon pastors and widows have received such needed assistance in 1974.

The roster subjects are the Rev. Paul Wobus and Olga Kruse Wobus, now retired in Missouri, after a distinguished ministry.

The Christmas Fund

FOR THE VETERANS OF THE CROSS
and THE EMERGENCY FUND

*Redeem
The Time!*

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The Local Scene

The announcement has just been received that Rev. Alfred R. Slighter has chosen to accept an invitation to serve First Church, Greeley, Colorado after a pastorate of over ten years at Corvallis. Gratitude for their participation in community and Conference activities and all good wishes are extended to Al and Kay and their children as they transfer to the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Celebration of 70 years in northeast Portland gave special meaning to a recent Sunday at Second Church, Portland. "We are a People-Called" provided part of the program. Dr. Elaine Bates, the author, is a member of Second Church.

The children of the Idaho Falls Church are sponsoring a "Compassion Fund" to support a Korean orphan. Rev. Clyde M. Martin is the pastor.

"Super-Sunday I" received enthusiastic participation at Parkrose Church. It accented the completion of the first unit of study in the Church School. Parents, teachers and children shared a learning experience, and are looking forward to "Super-Sunday II".

The annual Mission Sunday was observed at Rivercrest, Portland. The church "Herald" reports an offering for missions well in excess of \$2,000.

Complete renovation of basement rooms has added attractive, useful space to the facilities of Riverside Church, Hood River. Delegates to the Fall Council Meeting of the Conference were among the first to enjoy the rooms.

Best wishes to Rev. Rockne Stewart, who received full Ordination to the ministry by the Evangelical Free Church of America at First Congregational Church, Scappoose, on Sunday afternoon, November 24.

Twenty homes hosted "cluster" meetings as part of the Stewardship Emphasis at First Church, Eugene.

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Dec. 22 - 8:00 p.m.

"MESSIAH"
Portland Civic Auditorium

Feb. 7-8-9, 1975

SENIOR HIGH (Juniors
and Seniors) YOUTH MID-
WINTER MEETING.

March 7-8-9, 1975

MID HIGH (Freshmen and
Sophomores) YOUTH MID-



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